

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendment to the claims and the following remarks.

Claims 1-12 and 17-20 are pending, with claims 1, 5, and 9 being independent. Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 9-11 have been amended. Support for the amendments may be found in the specification at, for example, paragraph [0027]. No new matter has been added.

Interview

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Manoharan and Primary Examiner Jackson for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representatives on January 31st, 2007. The interview included a discussion of the currently applied § 112 and § 103 rejections, and the proposed references.

Specifically, the Examiner suggested a claim amendment to overcome the § 112 rejection. The current amendments to the independent claims reflect the amendment suggested during the interview. Further, the Examiner recognized the deficiency of the prior art of record in disclosing or suggesting the claim language.

Hollstrom, Hoisko, and Kovales Rejection

Claims 1-12 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being rendered obvious by Hollstrom et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0041588) in view of Hoisko et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0082007), and further in view of Kovales et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,003,083).

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because, at least, Hollstrom, Hoisko, and Kovales, individually or in combination, fail to describe or suggest the a client controller structured and arranged *"to load the catalog such that multiple sound trigger buttons on a handset become programmed to each correspond to a specific sound segment within the selected catalog."* Applicant notes that as discussed during the interview, the references do not describe or suggest the (1) the "sound trigger buttons" or (2) "the catalog," as claimed.

Regarding the first point, the claimed sound trigger buttons, the proposed references do not describe or suggest sound trigger buttons each corresponding to a specific sound segment. Applicant notes that Hoisko, the reference previously relied on for rejecting this feature, does not disclose or suggest the sound trigger buttons "each corresponding to a specific sound segment." See, for example, Hoisko's description requiring selection without sound trigger buttons corresponding to specific sound segments:

When starting a call, the caller 32 determines his state of mind 52 and selects in the menu 28 the name of an effective state or musical composition, whereby a corresponding identifier 64 is stored in the phone's memory. After that, the caller makes a call...¹

Regarding the second point, the claimed catalog, none of the proposed references describe or suggest loading the catalog such that multiple sound trigger buttons on a handset become programmed to each correspond to a specific sound segment within the selected catalog. Applicant notes that Hoisko, the reference previously relied on for rejecting this feature, merely discloses navigating through a directory² without describing or suggesting loading "the catalog such that multiple sound trigger buttons...become programmed to each correspond to a specific sound segment within the selected catalog."

Further, neither Hollstrom nor Kovals remedy the deficiencies of Hoisko in describing or suggesting a client controller structured and arranged "to load the catalog such that multiple sound trigger buttons on a handset become programmed to each correspond to a specific sound segment within the selected catalog."

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-4 and 17. Independent claims 5 and 9 include similar limitations. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection of claims 5 and 9, and their dependent claims 6-8, 10-12, and 18-20, for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

¹ See Hoisko Paragraph [0030]

² See Hoisko Paragraph [0027]

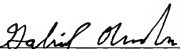
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Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. No fees are believed due at this time. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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